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Reading Bike Kitchen



Midsummer's Night AGM

Wednesday 21 June, with a Fun Ride, Guest Speaker, refreshments and friends. More on page 9.

expected to get a few months, not the three years we ended up with.

In that time the community around the Bike Kitchen grew enormously. Hundreds of people bought their bikes from the bikes we had donated and from which we refurbished.

Hundreds more learnt how to look after their bikes, making cycling cheap and viable form of travel for them. Almost 300 people volunteered at one point or another to make the project the success it became.

Sadly Jacksons will soon be open for a very different trade, and the Bike Kitchen is now without a home. Even though it was run by volunteers, it never made much money. And it was run by amateurs, so it is extremely unlikely we will ever have anything like it again.

For now it lives on in the form of little pop up sessions. I and a few of my friends are currently to be found in the Global Café on London Street on a Monday evening with some workstands, some tools and some spares, and we are keeping the Bike Kitchen spirit alive.

It will be at various other places too, as and when other people find the time, space and motivation to run their own sessions.

If your bike needs some work and you want some help with it, pop down to one of our pop ups.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

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For anyone who was wondering what has happened to it, the Bike Kitchen which has occupied Jacksons for the last three years has gone.

I was involved from the early days almost four years ago when we first started a project to help people fix up their own bikes. In May 2014, having been floating around for nearly a year, we got the keys to Jacksons. We opened in June and were swamped. For the following three years the project took over my life.

There was the job of running the workshop, making sure it was open, stocked and staffed. There was the job of helping volunteers (it was exclusively volunteer run) so they could help customers. There was also the building, the company and some weeks I spent more time there than a sane person would spend at a normal day job.

The tenancy of the building was only ever temporary, and we only really

Campaign News



Reading Borough Council (RBC)

Summer Report

The next Cycle Forum at Reading has been deferred until after the General Election. A priority list of issues to discuss with RBC will be agreed at the next RCC meeting.

Progress (or lack of it) on some schemes to facilitate cycling is as follows:

- **EMPOWER** - This EU funded local project to encourage cycling is progressing and has received some good local publicity.
- **Town Centre signing** - There seems to be little progress to date in the way of the signing corrections and improvements that were promised by RBC.

- **South station access** - RBC said that Garrard Street will remain open for cyclists and the dropped-kerb for cyclists (and emergency access) to access the station will be kept clear in the revised station access design. Unfortunately temporary red and white barriers currently block the east end of Garrard Street.

- **Cycle parking** in the town centre and local centres needs to be improved. RCC suggested Cross Street and the south end of St Mary's Butts. Any other suggested locations from members please forward to RBC and copy to RCC.

- **NCN 422** - Work is well under way on the shared-use path section from the western borough boundary by New Lane Hill to Berkeley Avenue. The proposed route alignment for the central section is to be via Berkeley Avenue, The Oracle, Kennetside and Watlington Street.

RCC met with RCC in March to discuss the proposals and push both for

improvements to the existing cycle lanes on Berkeley Avenue and for a route along the Bath Road from Berkeley Avenue into the town centre.

We are concerned that the shared path on part of the northern footway in Berkeley Avenue will be little use, as it does not provide a continuous route eastbound and is even worse westbound.

The section east of the Royal Berkshire Hospital is proposed to be via Erleigh Road then Eastern Avenue and Whiteknights Road, but the option of Crescent Road and Wokingham Road has not been discounted. RCC commented that traffic reduction, traffic calming, junction changes and reduced parking will need to be considered.

Final plans will be discussed at the next Cycle Forum, which was to be in early June but has been postponed because of the General Election.

John Lee
RBC Campaigner



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Wokingham Borough Council (WoBC)

Losing The Argument On Road Safety

A controversial title, but I believe it accurately reflects the situation in England. People in general think our roads are safe, and that most prosecutions under road traffic law are for things which are safe to do. People do not accept there is any need to improve things.

They never think that they or a relative will be killed or seriously injured on the road. My argument for this is for two reasons.

First, the cases where people have been acquitted of killing and maiming people with vehicles, even where there is clear evidence of mobile phone use or of not seeing someone (in a car, on foot or on a bike). Jury members often accept defence arguments that it was a moment's inattention by an otherwise competent driver; I think this is because many think "Well, I sometimes do that and I'm a good driver".

Second, the successful campaign by the insurance industry to limit damages paid for minor road crashes. There is an almost universal acceptance that safe drivers are paying too much for their motor insurance. Yet these 'safe' drivers have crashes and are found at fault, so the fair solution is for their insurance company to pay less damages so insurance premiums can fall. This argument is unchallenged in the media and the last Government proposals on reforming small claims swallowed it hook, line and sinker.

The 'safe roads' story is strongly (if unconsciously) supported by mainstream media, the roads lobby and insurance companies, so it is deeply embedded within England. It will be hard to challenge, and I am sorry to say I have no proposals for campaigning that I think will quickly solve the problem. All I can offer is the following thoughts.

First, 'safe roads' statistics must be challenged. It is true that driving a car in the UK is relatively safe compared to other countries in Europe, but unfortunately walking and cycling are not. Holland has half the rate of cycling casualties of the UK. It also needs to be emphasised that these figures are based on police reports which are inaccurate. Police reports suggest that serious injuries and deaths on the roads have fallen by 24% since 2005, while

hospital figures suggest the figure is only 4% (hardly an improvement at all). This suggests that cuts in police have caused the fall in their crash reports.

Second, concentrating on cycling incidents is a waste of campaigning resource. We need to emphasise the risks to all roads users, especially to people driving, because that's what most people do. My experience of bad drivers is that they are hazardous and intimidating to all road users and that's the case we need to make.

Third, we should emphasise the congestion and disruption caused by crashes, not just the human cost in lives and limbs. This may seem cynical, but few people think they'll be involved in a crash, while everyone in Reading can name several times they had a horrible journey owing to congestion caused by a crash.

Fourth, campaigns which don't emphasise safety alone are important. For example, '20 is plenty' appeals to residents because it reduces traffic and noise to make an area more pleasant.

Fifth, cycling is safe. Aggressive road users are more a problem because they put many people off cycling rather than because of the hundreds killed and maimed each year.

Finally, questions I have no answer to. What is the best terminology to use for

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dangerous driving, bad driving, anti-social driving, unsafe driving or a more neutral term? And how much human culpability should we look for in road safety? Should we be trying to avoid blaming people, and instead investigate crashes to show what happened and look for ways to prevent it happening?

It might be easier to get support for this approach. My fear is that it would be too costly - and, sadly, the human race contains too many idiots to rely on it.

I'd welcome your thoughts on all of this (and on anything in Wokingham that catches your eye).

Peter Howe
WoBC campaigner for RCC

<https://allpartycycling.org/inquiries/justice/>

<http://www.pacts.org.uk/2016/09/safest-roads-in-the-world/>

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Thames Path - The Right To Cycle



In 2011 we lobbied Reading Borough Council to designate the Thames Path an official cycle route (you may be surprised to learn that it is not already). We provided evidence that cyclists had been using the path for a sufficient number of years to warrant official designation.

At the time opposition to this from certain parties was sufficient to deter RBC from further action. However, one new pedestrian/cycle bridge later, RBC have run a consultation on a proposal which would give cyclists the legal right to cycle along the whole of the Thames Path in Reading borough (Kennetmouth to the former Roebuck Hotel).

"We are proposing to convert Footpath 1 (the Thames Path) to a joint footpath and Cycle Track. This would permit cycling for up to 6,450 metres along the Thames Path, linking west and east

Reading via a traffic-free pedestrian and cycle route, and improve access to schools, leisure facilities, businesses and residential areas throughout the urban area.

"Converting Footpath 1 to a joint footpath and Cycle Track will enable the footpath to remain on the Definitive Map."

You may wonder whether this is worth bothering about, since cyclists use the path anyway. However, without being an official cycle route the path is subject to the political whims and pressures of whomever the councillors of the day are, perhaps choosing to erect barriers to deter cyclists, or encouraging some sort of punitive enforcement. As part of an official cycle network the Council's transport officers can plan improvements and strategic connections to make best use

of the route as part of a sustainable transport network.

For some years we and other pro-cycling voices have been pressing Reading Borough Council to improve the surface of the path between Rivermead Leisure Centre and Scours Lane, thus providing a pleasant and convenient off-road cycle route from Reading centre to Tilehurst. We don't know if this will happen, but making this path an official cycle route takes us a step in the right direction.

By the time this newsletter is published the consultation will be closed. We hope that cyclists will have shown their support for this proposal in considerable numbers; we certainly plugged it on our Facebook Page.

It is really important that the cycling community responds to these consultations, and that is part of what the Reading Cycle Campaign is for, to act as a catalyst and facilitator for cyclists (and potential cyclists). In 2016 Reading Borough Council consulted on making cycling legal along the whole length of Broad Street; the proposal didn't go ahead because the amount of respondents in favour of allowing cycling was only slightly more than those against.

What we know as a campaign is that we don't get all the improvements we suggest and press for at the time. But what we have seen is that ideas mature, gain currency and eventually have their time. We will keep these ideas for a cycle friendly Reading alive, waiting for their time to turn into a reality.

Keith Elliott
Secretary

Your letters

Got any comments, feedback, points of view or experiences to share with RCC readers?

Then write a letter to the Editor, and it will be printed in the next issue (subject to space!).

Remember, this is your newsletter, so why not use it to express your point of view! We look forward to receiving them!

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Chairman's Letter

Dear RCC members,

I quite like cycling on the road. I prefer heavy traffic, where I am either going about the same speed as the vehicles, or maybe faster, or no traffic at all.

I grew up cycling in London. My first few jobs involved quite lengthy commutes across the capital, and even then, even though it was a very long time ago, there was heavy traffic and no such thing as cycle lanes.

There was in the late 1970s an oil crisis, and loads of people took to bikes. It wasn't many years before then that cycling was a really common way of commuting. It didn't take any promotion or the construction of infrastructure, we just got on our bikes and rode to work.

They were mad rides too, posses of cyclists racing down the outside of queuing cars (there was almost no oncoming traffic) and sprinting away from the lights. There was no such thing as road rage. The worst I ever had was a cabbie yelling at me "Oi, who do you think you are, Eddy Merckx?"

Nowadays though the traffic is just as heavy, the roads are just as full, only the queues are longer, and last a

longer time too. The cars and their drivers are very different. The cars are faster, the occupants better protected and isolated from the outside complete. Few drivers have ridden a bike, fewer still have ridden to work, and fewer still have done so in the dark in the rain. There is little empathy from drivers towards cyclists. If you are old and have grown up and cycled all the time, then the change will have been a gradual one, and certainly in my case I have acquired the skills and confidence to ride my bike in even the heaviest traffic.

However, if you are thinking of getting on a bike on the roads today it can be a very daunting prospect. Cycle training is effective, but the take up of training by adults is very poor, and the training given to children is only part of the solution.

The only way we can conceive getting lots of people to ride their bikes is by providing them somewhere safe, and in reality this is never going to happen. The cycle super-highway along the embankment in London is perfect, fully segregated from both vehicles and pedestrians, with its own junctions and traffic lights, and has become successful beyond many

people's expectations. We will not see the likes of that in Reading, all we can expect is more shared use pavements.

What would be really good is for the driver behaviour and attitude to cyclists to change. Imagine for a moment that every driver is looking out for cyclists, passing them safely, driving carefully near them, not pulling out of junctions in front of them, not blaring their horn to make the cyclist get out of the way. Just being kind and patient.

Then we could all feel safe on the roads, because that is what is putting people off, that feeling of danger. We wouldn't need all those silly schemes that we end up having to endure.

So West Midlands police came up with a great idea, 'Operation close pass' was aimed at drivers who didn't drive carefully enough near cyclists. The police rode a bike, and if a driver passed too close, a fellow cop would then pull the driver over further up the road. The effect was apparently dramatic, driver behaviour was improved at once. Not only did it make the roads safer, it was dirt cheap; no expensive patrol cars to run around in saved a lot of money.

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Chairman's Letter



Adrian Lawson

Not being all hi-viz blue and yellow meant that drivers didn't know it was a cop. That meant that any cyclist might be a cop. Drivers very quickly learned to behave themselves. Which just goes to show that actually most of those dodgy passes we have to put up with are more or less deliberate. It isn't that drivers deliberately choose to pass too close, they just don't realise there is anything wrong with it. They could and would avoid doing it with the threat of a word from the police.

But anyway, my point is that it is easy to make the roads safer, and now Thames Valley police, whose initial reluctance to join this initiative was down to not having the resources, had that rug pulled from under them when West Midlands police said it was cheaper than conventional patrolling, and the benefits were immediate and measurable. So they decided to have a go themselves.

I haven't actually seen it yet, nor heard of it being rolled out along the Oxford Road, but I am sure it will.

There are many roads in Reading, but some have a far greater problem for cyclists, the Oxford Road is perhaps the worst. When Reading Borough Council made changes to the 'street-scape' years ago, they narrowed the road. Overtaking a cyclist wasn't possible if you were driving a car and wanted to adhere to the highway code. So drivers assuming, of course, that they had greater right to use the road, and simply must pass the person ahead if they were on a mere bicycle, had to squeeze past. This, of course, made cycling very unpleasant, but there are many people in Reading for whom a bike is the only viable form of travel.

It isn't for me; I could drive, I have a car. I have a motorbike too, so I could ride that. But I choose to cycle, it's a lifestyle thing. It keeps me fit, saves me money, makes me feel like I am doing my bit, you know, air quality, congestion, and I also get the chance to see things and do things that having a vehicle makes very difficult.

I also don't easily get intimidated by drivers. But people who haven't the experience or the bloody mindedness to ride on the road end up avoiding the narrow road busy with traffic.

They ride on the nice wide pavements. This, of course, annoys people. "Bloody cyclists" is a refrain you hear all the time. As if a cyclist on the pavement is a bigger problem than a queue of vehicles. So they complain, especially at the various forums with the Council and the police. The cops' solution? Nick the cyclists!

There have been several pronouncements by Thames Valley police about clamping down on pavement riding cyclists, but so far none at all about dangerous or careless driving around people riding bikes on the road. Well maybe that is about to change. I might actually hold my breath this time, because if it did happen it could be the single biggest change to our roads in years, and finally swing the balance in our favour.

Adrian Lawson
Chairman

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Our Mission



- To campaign for better facilities for cyclists in Reading, in particular a network of safe cycleways linking residential, industrial and commercial areas, and giving access to the town centre.
- To work with Sustrans, Cycling UK (both locally and nationally) and others interested in promoting cycling and the well-being of cyclists.
- To identify the needs of cyclists in Reading, for example the location of safe and secure parking, and to campaign for their provision.
- To work with and advise local authorities and, where necessary, criticise and highlight their shortcomings.

Events

BikeSmart Reading

This scheme rewards cycling through a mobility tracking app giving points for every journey.

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Please do refer to friends and family as the best advocates are other cyclists!

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Reading Cycle Challenge

1-30 June

A fun scheme to help encourage people to cycle any time in June though workplace based competition with individual and team prizes.

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Bike Week

10-18 June

Look out for the programme of events going on throughout the month.

Waterfest Saturday Saturday 10 June

Forbury Gardens

East Reading Festival Sunday 25 June

Palmer Park

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Peter Swallow

RCC and Reading CTC members who knew Peter Swallow will be saddened to hear that he passed away on Thursday 11 May. He had been suffering from liver cancer.

Peter had been membership secretary of the RCC since 2013, and was a tireless supporter of our activities, regularly manning our stands during summer events.

Peter was also an active member of Reading CTC, and was a pilot for Bob Bristow's tandem. He was also active



in other spheres of life, including being a keen concert-goer at both the Hexagon and Reading's Town Hall.

Peter recently appeared in the *Reading Chronicle* and *Reading Midweek* (11 May and 17 May respectively) in an article honouring six people, including Peter, who had an outstanding history of blood donations. These donors, who had saved 2,000 lives, were urging others to give blood.

Peter will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

Midsummer's Night Annual General Meeting Wednesday 21 June, 7.30pm at RISC

Come and have your say at our AGM

All members are warmly invited to our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Stones Room (Room 3) upstairs at RISC (London Street) on 21 June.

Fun Ride

First, join the RCC for a Fun Ride ahead of the AGM. Meet at 6pm by the ReadyBike stand outside the north entrance of Reading Station.

This is part of the BikeSmart Reading cycle challenge where you will have the chance to win a prize. Visit www.lovetoride.net/bikesmart and bikesmartreading.betterpoints.uk for more information.

Speaker and Refreshments

Second, there will be refreshments available from 7.30pm at RISC before our guest speaker, **Joe Bedford**, will give a talk about his recent cycle ride from Alaska to Patagonia.

The AGM

This will follow afterwards. We need the input of our members to help shape the RCC for the next 12 months, so come and have your say.

As always, we are in need of more help in running the Campaign. The committee positions that are currently vacant are Membership Secretary and West Berkshire Campaigner.

However, if you want to get involved in any other capacity, please come along to find out more.

Letters and Feedback

Dear Editor

Impatient careless drivers witnessed last week mid-afternoon at school pick up time.

A cyclist was in the advisory cycle lane on Peppard Road heading away from Caversham approaching a pedestrian traffic refuge island in the centre of the carriageway (the one with the speed camera on it) where the road marking

line for the advisory cycle lane stops, presumably because the road narrows.

Instead of slowing down on approaching this point two cars continued to pass the cyclist! As a near miss and close passes occurred with two vehicles I'm sure the cyclist was in considerable danger.

A short way up the road one of these vehicles made a stop to turn right

against oncoming traffic! Was that just impatience, careless driving or dangerous driving? Would it have helped if the advisory cycle lane marking was continuous at that point?

The highway code has enough advice about anticipation and consideration with detailed advice. What goes on in the minds of these drivers?

Richard Denney

Reading CTC Bike Rides Listings

The quarterly Reading CTC rides leaflet has been discontinued, but the rides are listed in this newsletter and are updated online. Please ALWAYS check the our website at <http://www.readingctc.co.uk/rides/> for additions and changes.

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 4 Jun	Longparish (SW)	09:00 Three Mile Cross Garage	Allan Adams 988 3044	Plough Inn 185/426440	65	Moderate, 11's Oakley (roadside)
Sun 4 Jun	Whitchurch, Hants (SW)	09:15 Fountain	Sean Hayden 07801 414707	H's Café 185/462481	60	Brisk - One stop ride
Sun 4 Jun	Uxbridge	09:30 Dinton Pastures	Al Neal 926 9531	Malt Shovel	50	Offroad
Sun 4 Jun	Checkendon (N)	10:00 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Leisurely
Tue 6 Jun	Greywell (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Fox & Goose 186/718513				
Wed 7 Jun	Dorney (E)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Palmer Arms 175/929792	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 7 Jun	Arborfield Cross (SE)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148		20	Offroad: short
Wed 7 Jun	Arborfield Cross (SE)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Swan 175/762668	25	Offroad: long
Wed 7 Jun	Arborfield Cross (SE)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Swan 175/762668	20	
Sat 10 Jun	10 -18 June 2017 - BIKE WEEK - bikeweek.org.uk					
Sun 11 Jun	Quainton (NE)	08:15 Fountain	Mike Hardiman 9793147	George & Dragon 165/7420	90	Moderate/brisk. 11's Chinnor
Sun 11 Jun	Old Basing 'Hatch' (S)	09:30 Earley	John Lomas 01344 420031	Conkers GC Café 186/677523	35	Leisurely/mod one stop
Sun 11 Jun	TBC	Start TBC	Michael Lemiha 07526 127000		40	Offroad - plan to be confirmed
Tue 13 Jun	Littlewick Green (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Cricketers 175/838800				
Wed 14 Jun	Chieveley (NW)	10:00 Theale	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Old Red Lion 174/475738	50	Meet 10:00-10:30 La Baguetterie
Wed 14 Jun	Aldworth (NW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Bell 174/556797	25	Offroad: short
Wed 14 Jun	Aldworth (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Jason Pyke 07932 652368	Bell 174/556797	30	Offroad: long
Wed 14 Jun	Aldworth (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Tom Walton-Evans 07825 931573	Bell 174/556797	30	Brisk, hilly. pick up Theale 19:50
Sat 17 Jun	The Rural South 300km Audax - 06:00 Mortimer - Ian Doyle 07974 409607 - (www.aukweb.net)					
Sat 17 Jun	Alan Furley's Up the Downs 200 km Audax - 08:00 Mortimer - Phil Dyson 01491 651284 - (www.aukweb.net)					
Sat 17 Jun	Alan Furley's Down the Ups 106 km Audax - 09:00 Mortimer - Phil Dyson 01491 651284 - (www.aukweb.net)					
Sat 17 Jun	Bivvi Plus - 09:00 Winchester - Jason Pyke 07932 652368 - (Bike packing weekend: South Downs Way)					
Sun 18 Jun	Brightwalton (W)	09:15 Fountain	Simon George 9595473	Saddleback Farm Shop 174/436809	50	Brisk - One stop ride
Sun 18 Jun	Chaddleworth (W)	09:15 Theale	Lesley Adams 988 3044	lbex 174/416772	45	Moderate, 11's Hampstead Norreys
Sun 18 Jun	Little London (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Plough 175/621597	30	Leisurely
Tue 20 Jun	Chieveley (NW) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON	- Old Red Lion 174/475738				
Wed 21 Jun	Watlington (N)	10:30 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Carriers Arms 175/692945	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Catherine Wheel P.H
Wed 21 Jun	Holme Green (SE)	19:40 LookOut carpark	TBC	White Horse 175/825675	20	Offroad: short, train assist 18.52 RDN - Martins Heron
Wed 21 Jun	Holme Green (SE)	19:40 LookOut carpark	Angus Mitchell 7794301935	White Horse 175/825675	25	Offroad: long, train assist 18.52 RDN - Martins Heron
Sat 24 Jun	Saturday afternoon meander	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		40	Moderate. Return by 17:00. Robust tyres recommended
Sun 25 Jun	Chalgrove (N)	09:15 Fountain	Carole Russell 1256461717	Red Lion 164/6397	43	Moderate
Sun 25 Jun	Lambourn (W)	09:15 Fountain	Mick Simmons 954 3537	Bakery Café 174/326789	70	One stop brisk
Sun 25 Jun	Sherfield on Loddon (S)	10:00 Earley	Nick Clark 07866 033 638	Four Horseshoes 175/680579	30	Leisurely
Sun 25 Jun	Pishill (N)	10:00 Fountain	TBC	Crown 174/7289	40	Offroad
Tue 27 Jun	Wheeler End (NE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Chequers Inn 175/806926					
Wed 28 Jun	North Waltham (SW)	10:00 Hartley Wintney	Allan Adams 988 3044	Fox 185/563458	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Costa Coffee
Wed 28 Jun	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Black Horse 175/667841	25	Offroad: long
Wed 28 Jun	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Black Horse 175/667841	20	Offroad: short
Wed 28 Jun	Checkendon (N)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Swan 07766 244 816	Black Horse 175/667841	30	Brisk
Sun 2 Jul	Farnborough, Ash & Farnham	10:00 TBC	Dave Keeble 07816 679453		35	Offroad tour - indoor camping
Sun 2 Jul	Henley (N)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	35	Leisurely/moderate
Tue 4 Jul	Old Basing (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - Bolton Arms 186/667534					
Wed 5 Jul	Crowmarsh Gifford	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326		30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Bakery
Wed 5 Jul	Crazies Hill (NE)	19:30 Fountain	James Hilling 07787 535656	Horns 175/799809	20	Offroad: short
Wed 5 Jul	Crazies Hill (NE)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Horns 175/799809	25	Offroad: long
Wed 5 Jul	Crazies Hill (NE)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Horns 175/799809	20	
Sun 9 Jul	TBC pub en route	09:00 Fountain	TBC		40	Offroad
Sun 9 Jul	Windsor Great Park	10:00 Dinton	John Lomas 01344 420031		30	Leisurely birthday picnic
Sun 9 Jul	Benson Marina (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Steve Conway 375 9932	Riverside Café 175/613917	35	Leisurely/moderate
Tue 11 Jul	Holyport (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON - George 175/893777					
Wed 12 Jul	Hannington (SW)	10:00 Mortimer	Mike Hardiman 9793147	Vine 174/540552	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Café
Wed 12 Jul	South Stoke (NW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Perch & Pike 174/596837	25	Offroad: short
Wed 12 Jul	South Stoke (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148	Perch & Pike 174/596837	30	Offroad: long
Wed 12 Jul	South Stoke (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Charles Redfern 07932 042 324	Perch & Pike 174/596837	25	Moderate - Bastille ride
Sun 16 Jul	Wallingford Festival of Cycling - (www.wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk)					

Reading CTC Bike Rides Listings

Date	Destination	Start	Leader	Lunch	Miles	Information
Sun 16 Jul	Club picnic	10:00 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454		35	Offroad
Sun 16 Jul	Club picnic	10:00 Fountain	Jeanette Jeans 07897 512 491		33	Leisurely/Moderate - riverside picnic
Tue 18 Jul	Cold Ash (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – The Castle 174/513697					
Wed 19 Jul	Marlow (NE)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Slug and Lettuce 172/850863	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 19 Jul	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Earley	Martin Paintin 07715 164 610	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	25	Moderate
Wed 19 Jul	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	20	Offroad: short
Wed 19 Jul	Theale 'Sheffield Bottom' (SW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Fox & Hounds 175/648698	25	Offroad: long
Sat 22 Jul	camping TBC	09:00 Fountain	Al Neal 926 9531		50	Offroad tour - bike packing weekend
Sat 22 Jul	Saturday afternoon meander	13:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665		40	Moderate. Return by 17:00
Sun 23 Jul	Stockbridge (SW)	08:15 Earley	Mike Hardiman 9793147		90	Moderate/Brisk. 11's Whitchurch
Sun 23 Jul	Saunderton Station (N)	09:15 Fountain	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Golden Cross 165/815980	55	Moderate, Roadside 11's
Sun 23 Jul	Aldworth (NW)	10:00 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Bell 174/556797	35	Leis/mod
Tue 25 Jul	Frieth (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Prince Albert 175/798907					
Wed 26 Jul	Bagnor (W)	10:00 Theale	Jeff Salzman 7768904136	Blackbird 174/454693	45	Meet 10:00-11:00 La Baguetterie
Wed 26 Jul	Rotherfield Greys (N)	19:30 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Maltsters Arms 175/726824	20	Offroad: short
Wed 26 Jul	Rotherfield Greys (N)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Maltsters Arms 175/726824	25	Offroad: long
Wed 26 Jul	Rotherfield Greys (N)	19:30 Fountain	Edwin Raj 7900924941	Maltsters Arms 175/726824	25	Moderate
Sun 30 Jul	Wallingford riverside	09:15 Fountain	Chris Davey 942 2358		50	Moderate one stop
Sun 30 Jul	Wantage	09:15 Theale	Mark Irons 07910 347785		70	One stop brisk
Sun 30 Jul	TBC pub en route	10:00 Fountain	TBC		35	Offroad
Tue 1 Aug	Odiham (S) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Bell 186/743509					
Wed 2 Aug	Bagnor (W)	10:30 Henley	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Blackbird 174/454693	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Catherine Wheel P.H
Wed 2 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:50 Mortimer stn	Karen Blofield 07771 800883	Elm Tree 175/695641	20	Offroad: short. Train assist, RDN - Mortimer
Wed 2 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Earley	Tom Walton-Evans 07825 931573	Elm Tree 175/695641	25	Moderate - some rough stuff
Wed 2 Aug	Beech Hill (S)	19:30 Fountain	Sel Dixon 954 6306	Elm Tree 175/695641	25	Offroad: long
Sun 6 Aug	Morning ride (W) with road-side stop	09:00 Fountain	David Roberts 986 2763		40	Moderate. Bring a snack!
Sun 6 Aug	TBC pub en route	09:00 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	TBC	40	Offroad
Sun 6 Aug	Ball Hill (W)	09:15 Earley	Martin Lindupp 986 3583	Yew Tree GC 174/427632	70	Moderate/brisk
Sun 6 Aug	Hermitage (NW)	09:15 Fountain	Jackie Leslie 969 2549	Hilliers Garden Centre 174/501730	35	Leisurely
Tue 8 Aug	Dorney (E) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Palmer Arms 175/929792					
Wed 9 Aug	Crandall (S)	10:00 Beech Hill	Morris Dowding 989 0326		45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Church Café
Wed 9 Aug	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Phil Allen 948 3454	Rising Sun 175/696841	25	Offroad: short
Wed 9 Aug	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	Gavin Sutton 07786 268187	Rising Sun 175/696841	30	Offroad: long
Wed 9 Aug	Witheridge Hill (N)	19:30 Fountain	David Rees 07971 289 909	Rising Sun 175/696841	30	Moderate/Brisk
Sun 13 Aug	Watlington (N)	09:15 Fountain	Paul Irving 07909 528 722	Carriers Arms 175/692945	45	Moderate
Sun 13 Aug	TBC pub en route	10:00 Fountain	Martin Pearce 07919 448 148		35	Offroad
Tue 15 Aug	Ashmore Green (W) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Sun in the Wood 174/495693					
Wed 16 Aug	Wheeler End (NE)	10:30 Sonning Cmn	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Brickmakers Arms 175/802931	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Bakery
Wed 16 Aug	Henley (N)	19:30 Fountain	Peter Nightingale 932 0297	Bird in Hand 175/759824	20	Offroad: short
Wed 16 Aug	Henley (N)	19:30 Fountain	Ian Doyle 07974 409607	Bird in Hand 175/759824	25	Offroad: long
Wed 16 Aug	Henley (N)	19:30 Fountain	Edwin Raj 7900924941	Bird in Hand 175/759824	25	Moderate
Sun 20 Aug	Ramsbury (W)	08:45 Theale	Allan Adams 988 3044	Bell 174/2771	65	Moderate, 11's Newbury canalside
Sun 20 Aug	Henley (N)	09:00 Dinton	Ian Moore 07773 300 665	Catherine Wheel 175/762827	50	Brisk. one stop. return by 14:00
Sun 20 Aug	Silchester (SW)	10:00 Earley	David Roberts 986 2763	Calleva Arms 175/628621	30	Leisurely
Sun 20 Aug	TBC pub en route	10:00 Fountain	TBC		35	Offroad
Tue 22 Aug	Chalgrove (N) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Red Lion 164/6397					
Wed 23 Aug	Clerken Green (S)	10:00 Mortimer	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Beach Arms 185/565509	45	Meet 10:00-10:30 Café
Wed 23 Aug	Upper Basildon (NW)	19:30 Fountain	Al Neal 926 9531	Red Lion 174/596761	20	Offroad: short
Wed 23 Aug	Upper Basildon (NW)	19:30 Fountain	JD 07917 063231	Red Lion 174/596761	25	Offroad: long
Wed 23 Aug	Upper Basildon (NW)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Red Lion 174/596761	20	
Sun 27 Aug	Bentley (S)	09:15 Earley	Lesley Adams 988 3044	Star 186/785439	55	Moderate, 11's Redfields GC
Sun 27 Aug	TBC	10:00 TBC	TBC		35	Offroad tour - camping weekend
Tue 29 Aug	Finchampstead (SE) - MEET FOR LUNCH FROM 12 NOON – Queens Oak 175/794639					
Wed 30 Aug	Binfield (E)	10:30 Hare Hatch	Morris Dowding 989 0326	Victoria Arms 175/842713	30	Meet 10:30-11:00 Sheeplands Garden Centre
Wed 30 Aug	Hurst (E)	19:30 Earley	Martin Paintin 07715 164 610	Castle 175/795729	25	Moderate
Wed 30 Aug	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	TBC	Castle 175/795729	20	Offroad: short
Wed 30 Aug	Hurst (E)	19:30 Fountain	Paul Roberts 07702 006105	Castle 175/795729	25	Offroad: long

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